Yield of rice

2898. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether per hectare yield of rice is very less in the country when compared to countries like China, Japan, USA and is less than Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether Government had taken/proposed to take steps to increase per hectare yield of rice in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, sir. The per hectare yield of rice in India as compared to China, Japan, USA and Bangladesh during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 is shown in the table below:

Productivity of Rice

(Kg./Hectare)

Country	2003	2004	2005
India	2051	2017	2000
China	4040	4206	4220
Japan	3900	4277	4361
USA	4965	5187	4934
Bangladesh	2408	2409	2428

Source: FAO website

(c) and (d) The Government is implementing various schemes to increase productivity of rice and area under rice cultivation. These include the Macro Management Scheme of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), encouragement for improved variety of seeds including hybrids, improved tehnologies for rice such as system of Rice Intensification (SRI), Zero Tillage and adoption of other resource conservation technologies.